

**In the Claims:**

The current status of all claims is listed below and supersedes all previous lists of claims.

Please cancel claims 7-16 without prejudice to their presentation in another application, and amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for diagnosis of pre-eclampsia which ~~comprises~~ comprises:

~~measuring urate in a biological~~ a) collecting a sample [[from]] of maternal saliva ~~from a~~ subject;

b) processing the sample prior to assaying;

c) assaying the sample for the concentration or urate present; and

d) comparing the results obtained in c) with a normal control value, thereby diagnosing pre-eclampsia.

2. (canceled).

3. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the urate is measured by means of a timed end point method.

4. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the urate is measured by means of a dry test method.

5. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the urate is measured by means of a dip stick method.

6-16. (canceled).